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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: (ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF HARVESTED SHELLFISH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 26-192k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 (a) The Department of Agriculture shall allow the relay of shellfish 4 from shellfish grounds classified as restricted relay to other grounds in 5 accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model 6 Ordinance, as amended from time to time, regarding restricted 7 shellfish relay. The department shall allow the harvest of shellfish from 8 shellfish grounds classified as approved for market on the same day 9 using the same vessel, provided the harvester first harvests the 10 approved market product and lands the product to shore. A harvester 11 shall not begin the relay of shellfish from shellfish grounds classified 12 as restricted relay until all shellfish harvested first from approved 13 market grounds, in market quantities, have been removed from the 14 vessel. Such harvester shall not begin such relay until after the 15 harvester has notified the Department of Environmental Protection of 16 such relay. The harvester shall provide all information required by the

- 17 Department of Agriculture regarding shellfish relays to the
- 18 Department of Environmental Protection at the time of such
- 19 notification. For the remainder of the day, the harvester shall not
- 20 harvest approved market shellfish after beginning such relay.
- 21 (b) All tag identification information regarding shellfish harvest
- 22 locations shall be confidential, provided the harvester of the shellfish
- 23 marks the tag with a unique code corresponding to the shellfish
- 24 harvest location. [Such harvester shall provide the Department of
- 25 Agriculture] The Department of Agriculture shall provide such
- 26 <u>harvester</u> and the Department of Environmental Protection with a
- 27 written code key detailing the harvest location and corresponding code
- 28 <u>to be</u> used by the harvester.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 from passage 26-192k

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